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THIRTY YEARS IN
THE FUTURE...

CASTLE MOBIUS, PORTAL
ANGEL ISLAND

MOBIUS:
30 YEARS LATER

DARK SIEGE

SORRY TO
KEEP YOU WAITING.
IT TOOK US A
BIT TO PUT
THE TWINS TO
BED.

SALLY
ACORN
QUEEN OF
MOBIUS

SONIC THE
HEDGEHOG
KING OF
MOBIUS

SILVER THE
HEDGEHOG
TIME-
TRAVELER

I UNDERSTAND.
THEY HAD A
ROUGH DAY.

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ARE ROCKET ATTACKS AGAINST YOU COMMON THESE DAYS?*

*LAST ISSUE!

NO, THE WHOLE POINT OF THE CELEBRATION TODAY WAS TO MARK FIVE YEARS OF PEACE.

MOSTLY PEACEFUL, WHEN THE LAST TYRANT LOST HIS STRANGLEHOLD ON THE PLANET,** IT MADE A FEW REGIONAL LEADERS, WELL...

OVER-EAGER. KING SHADOW'S FORMER SECRET POLICE, THE DARK PRESENCE, ALSO WORK AGAINST US HERE IN THE CAPITAL.

** IN THE FINALE TO M25YL (STH#166-167)

BUT OUTSIDE OF TODAY, THINGS REALLY HAVE BEEN QUIET, MOSTLY THANKS TO MY QUEEN.

A HERO BACK FROM THE DEAD IS A TOUGH ACT TO BEAT.

YEAH, WELL, THAT PEACE OF YOURS IS AT AN END. SOMETHING HAPPENS IN THIS PERIOD OF TIME THAT WILL DESTROY MY TIME -- ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY YEARS INTO THE FUTURE.

THE QUEEN WHO KEPT THE PEACE UNDER KING SHADOW AND THROUGH A COUP D'ETAT DOES JUST THAT.



DURING THIS EXACT TIME?

ARE YOU SURE?

R-REASONABLY, LOOK, IF YOU'RE DOUBTING ME BECAUSE I ATTACKED SONIC BEFORE...*

XSTH#195--SURE ARE A LOT OF NOTES, huh?



YOU WHAT? WHEN?

IT WAS TWO HUNDRED YEARS AGO! WELL, THIRTY FOR YOU, I MEAN, BUT TWO HUNDRED FOR ME AND...

GUYSS? GUYSS?



FROM ONE TIME-HOPPER TO ANOTHER, TRUST ME WHEN I SAY THAT TRYING TO MAKE PAST AND PRESENT SYNC PERFECTLY IS SOMETIMES MORE TROUBLE THAN IT'S WORTH.

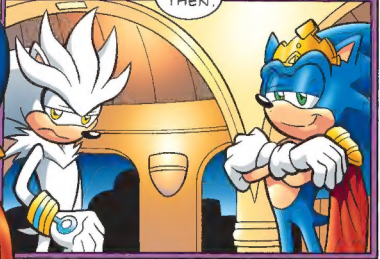


SINCE WHEN HAVE YOU TIME-TRAVELED? HOW?

I'D RATHER NOT TALK ABOUT IT, YOU?

Er... TRADE SECRET.

WELL THEN.



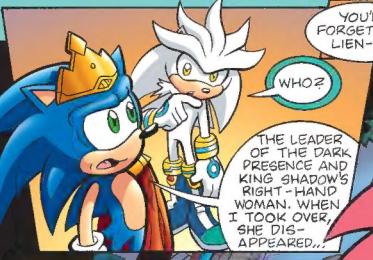


A-ANYWAY... I'M WILLING TO BET THAT THE DISASTER IN YOUR TIME IS LINKED TO THE GROUP THAT ATTACKED YOU THIS MORNING.

THE DARK PRESENCE, THEY'RE HOLD-OVERS FROM AN OLD PARAMILITARY GROUP CALLED THE DARK LEGION.

THEY HAVE TWO DIVISIONS: THE DARK EYES, IN CHARGE OF ESPIONAGE, AND THE DARK HANDS, WHO DO ALL THE FIELD OPERATIONS.

THEY'VE NEVER DONE ANYTHING TO ENDANGER THE WORLD OUTSIDE OF DESTABILIZING THE GOVERNMENT.



YOU'RE FORGETTING LIEN-DA.

WHO?

THE LEADER OF THE DARK PRESENCE AND KING SHADOW'S RIGHT-HAND WOMAN. WHEN I TOOK OVER, SHE DISAPPEARED...

"...AND LEFT HER FAMILY BEHIND."



WHERE IS LIEN-DA?



LARA-SU
GUARDIAN OF
ANGEL ISLAND

RUTAN
LIEN-DA'S SON

YOU'RE ABOUT FIVE YEARS TOO LATE.

DON'T GIVE ME THAT! YOU'RE HER ONLY SON. I KNOW SHE'S CONTACTED YOU!

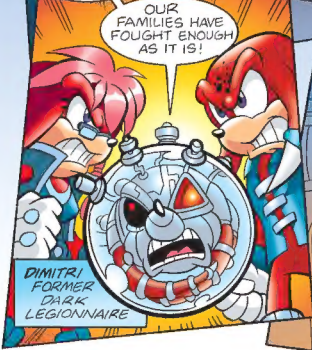


NO, SHE HASN'T. YOU AND YOUR CABAL CHASED HER OUT OF MY LIFE!

YOU'RE COVERING FOR HER! YOU'RE GOING TO TELL ME EVERYTHING OR SO HELP ME...!

BRING IT ON!

ENOUGH!
ENOUGH!



OUR FAMILIES HAVE FOUGHT ENOUGH AS IT IS!

DIMITRI
FORMER
DARK
LEGIONNAIRE



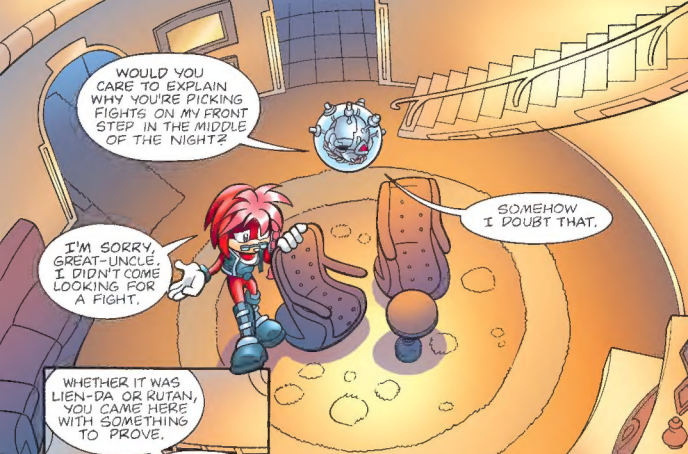
WHY DON'T YOU CALL ON SALMA? SHE'S BEEN TRYING TO REACH YOU FOR DAYS.

BUTT OUT, GRANDFATHER.



Please don't let the cycle repeat again...





WOULD YOU CARE TO EXPLAIN WHY YOU'RE PICKING FIGHTS ON MY FRONT STEP IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT?

SOMEHOW I DOUBT THAT.

I'M SORRY, GREAT-UNCLE. I DIDN'T COME LOOKING FOR A FIGHT.

WHETHER IT WAS LIEN-DA OR RUTAN, YOU CAME HERE WITH SOMETHING TO PROVE.

THE APPLE DOESN'T FALL FAR FROM THE TREE IN YOUR CASE.

I JUST FEEL LIKE SUCH A FAILURE, MY FIRST TIME ON DUTY WITHOUT THE CHAOTIX OR MY FOLKS TO BACK ME UP AND I COMPLETELY BOTCHED IT.

BECAUSE IT ILLUSTRATES HOW THE ODDS ARE STACKED AGAINST YOU, AND HOW YOU HAVE THE POWER TO FACE THOSE ODDS.

YOU'RE UP AGAINST ONE OF THE HARDEST TERRORIST GROUPS MOBIUS HAS EVER SEEN, MY DEAR. AND YOU WERE THE ONE TO DEFEAT KING SHADOW.

AND THAT'S SUPPOSED TO MAKE ME FEEL BETTER HOW...?

AND WHEN YOU ARE OVERWHELMED...

"...THAT'S WHEN YOU CALL YOUR FRIENDS."

IF WE'RE FACING SUCH A WELL-ORGANIZED ENEMY, THEN WE'LL NEED THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS!

THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS DISBANDED YEARS AGO.

YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING ME!

In that case, would that make her the traitor?

No, that doesn't fit!

THERE WAS WORLD-WIDE PEACE UNDER KING SHADOW, DESPITE HIS OPPRESSION, AND I CONVINCED THEM TO STAND DOWN TO PRESERVE THAT PEACE WHEN I BEGAN INSTILLING MY OWN POLICIES.

I'M SORRY?

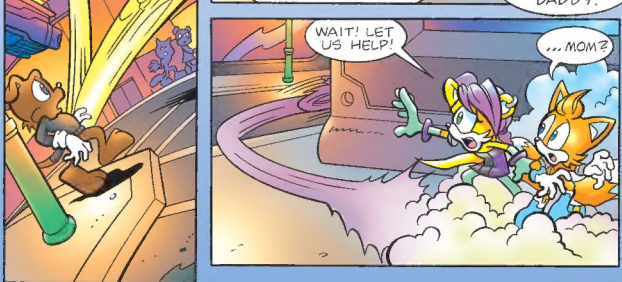
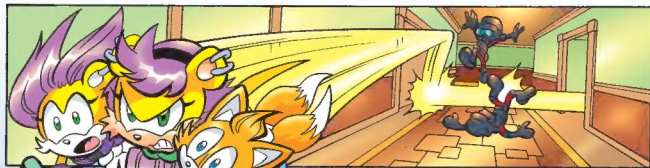
I SAID-- ISN'T THERE ANYONE WE CAN CALL?

I SUPPOSE WE COULD TRY CALLING THE CHAOTIX BACK FROM AROUND THE WORLD, BUT WITHOUT A CLEAR THREAT...

WELL, THERE ARE A COUPLE OF FORMER FREEDOM FIGHTERS WE WERE PLANNING ON MEETING TOMORROW...

"I'M SURE WE CAN COUNT ON THE PROWERS."

THAT HAS TO BE THE FASTEST ROOM SERVICE WE'VE EVER--





AND NOW FOR A LITTLE NUMBER I LIKE TO CALL: "LET MY HUSBAND GO AND I'LL GO EASY ON YOU!"



AHH!

GET OFF!



WON'T LET you...

PSSSHHT



TEAM "E" CHECKING IN. ADULT GUESTS ARE ASLEEP FOR THE NIGHT. KIDS ARE HAVING A NIGHT ON THE TOWN.

FORGET ABOUT THEM. SECURE THE ROOM.

"WE'RE ABOUT TO TOUR THE CASTLE."



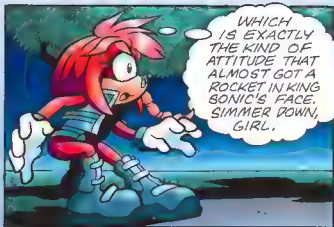
Huh?
THE DARK
PRESENCE?!

DIMITRI'S
RIGHT-- I WASN'T
LOOKING FOR
ANSWERS. I WAS
LOOKING TO LET
OFF SOME STEAM.
I WONDER IF DAD
EVER HAD JUST
AS BAD A
TEMPER...

JUST
THE KIND
OF STRESS
RELIEF I
NEED!



WHICH
IS EXACTLY
THE KIND OF
ATTITUDE THAT
ALMOST GOT A
ROCKET IN KING
SONIC'S FACE.
SIMMER DOWN,
GIRL.



LET'S
PUT SOME
OF UNCLE
ESPIO'S
TRAINING
TO THE TEST
INSTEAD.



I DUNNO...
I WAS EXPECTING
SOMETHING DIFFERENT
FROM THIS TIME
PERIOD...

HEY, WE CAN
MAKE IT WORK, NO
MATTER WHAT.

I DO BEG
YOUR PARDONS..

PERHAPS
IF YOU GAVE
US A LITTLE
MORE DETAIL
BEYOND
"THE
WORLD IS
GOING TO
END"...

IF YOU
WILL BE STAYING
UP, MAY I BRING
YOU ANY
REFRESHMENTS?

THANK YOU,
BUT NOTHING FOR
ME.

DIT TO.
AT THIS AGE,
I JUST CAN'T
DO THE
CHILDHOODS
AT ALL HOURS
ANYMORE.

AND
YOU, SIR?

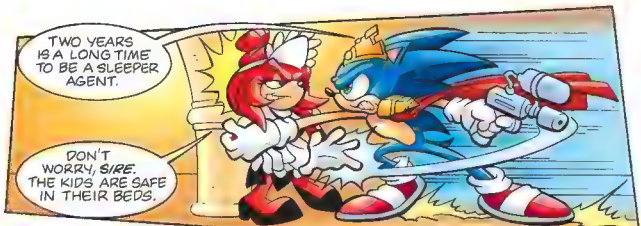
I, um,
NO. THANK
YOU.

AREN'T YOU
THAT BRAVE AND
MYSTERIOUS STRANGER?
THE ONE WHO SAVED
OUR KING WITH HIS
AMAZING POWERS?

AW, WELL,
I DON'T KNOW
ABOUT "AMAZING"
OR "BRAVE".
I MEAN, I DID,
SURE, BUT..

WELL,
WE CAN'T
HAVE A
REPEAT OF
THAT,
HERO.

POSSHT

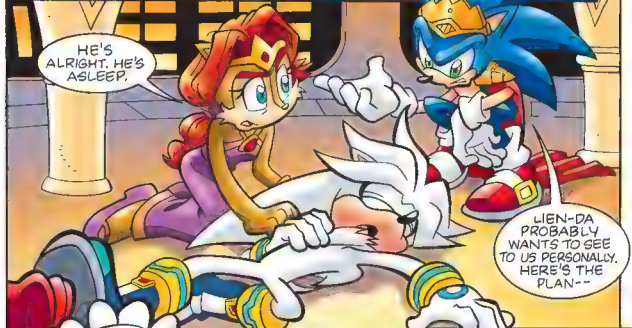


TWO YEARS IS A LONG TIME TO BE A SLEEPER AGENT.

DON'T WORRY, SIRE. THE KIDS ARE SAFE IN THEIR BEDS.

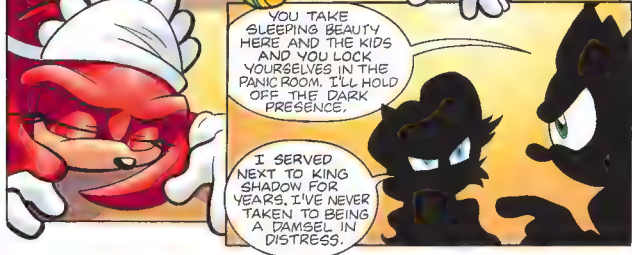


PSSSH!



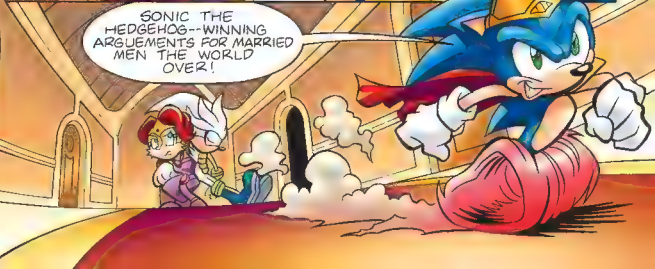
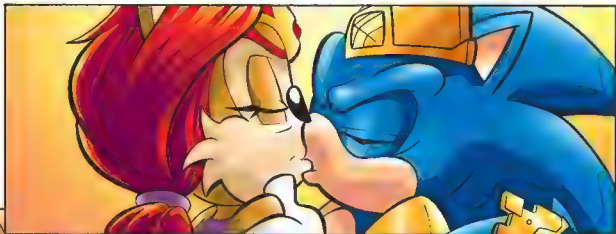
HE'S ALRIGHT. HE'S ASLEEP.

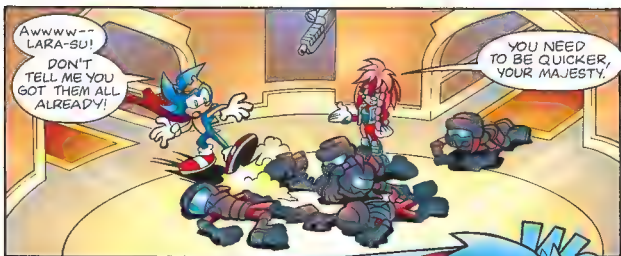
LIEN-DA PROBABLY WANTS TO SEE TO US PERSONALLY. HERE'S THE PLAN--



YOU TAKE SLEEPING BEAUTY HERE AND THE KIDS AND YOU LOCK YOURSELVES IN THE PANIC ROOM. I'LL HOLD OFF THE DARK PRESENCE.

I SERVED NEXT TO KING SHADOW FOR YEARS. I'VE NEVER TAKEN TO BEING A DAMSEL IN DISTRESS.





AWWWW--
LARA-SU!
DON'T
TELL ME YOU
GOT THEM ALL
ALREADY!

YOU NEED
TO BE QUICKER,
YOUR MAJESTY.



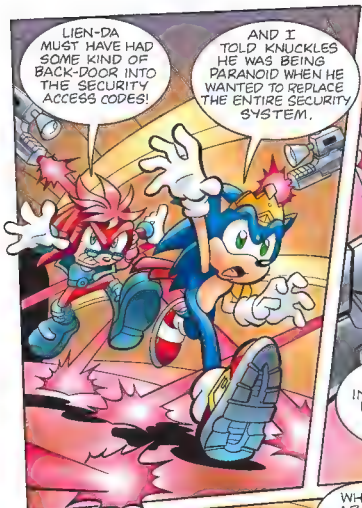
STILL
GOT
IT.

THAT
YOU DO.
YOU'RE GOING
TO HAVE TO TEACH
ME THAT MOVE

SURE, IT'S
ALL IN THE
LEGE, AND..

uh
oh.

THE SECURITY
SYSTEM HAS BEEN
TURNED AGAINST
US!



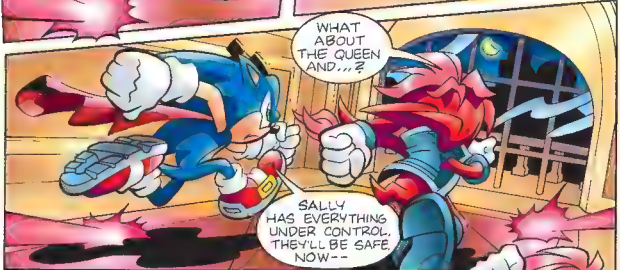
LIEN-DA MUST HAVE HAD SOME KIND OF BACK-DOOR INTO THE SECURITY ACCESS CODES!

AND I TOLD KNUCKLES HE WAS BEING PARANOID WHEN HE WANTED TO REPLACE THE ENTIRE SECURITY SYSTEM.



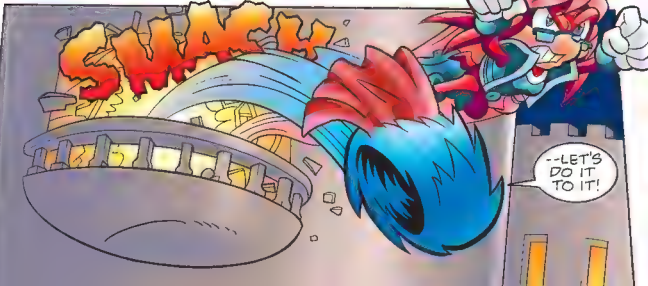
SHE'S PROBABLY INITIATED A FULL LOCK-DOWN. WHAT DO WE DO?

WE GET OUT WHILE WE CAN AND THINK OF A PLAN.



WHAT ABOUT THE QUEEN AND...?

SALLY HAS EVERYTHING UNDER CONTROL. THEY'LL BE SAFE. NOW--



--LET'S DO IT TO IT!



DID YOU SERIOUSLY USE THAT LINE BACK IN THE DAYZ

IT'S A CLASSIC! OR WOULD YOU PREFER "HASTA LA VISTA, MISTAH"?

PEFFT! HAH HA HA!

ONLY YOU COULD MAKE ME LAUGH IN A SITUATION LIKE --

--OH NO.

WHAT'S UPZ DO YOU SEE A PROBLEMZ?

SIGNZ OF ONE.

KING SONIC! KING SONIC!

HELP!





SKYE!
MELODY!
ARE YOU
ALRIGHT?!


YESSIR!
YOU'VE GOT
TO HELP! A BUNCH
OF BAD GUYS IN
BLACK ATTACKED
MOM AND DAD!




THEY ALREADY
GOT TO THE
PROWERS?!

WE TRIED
TO FIND HELP,
BUT ALL OF THE
E.S.T. ARE BUSY
WITH ALL THE
PEOPLE PARTYING
AND WE COULDN'T
FIND ANYONE
AND-AND-
AND--!

SHH,
YOU DID
FINE.



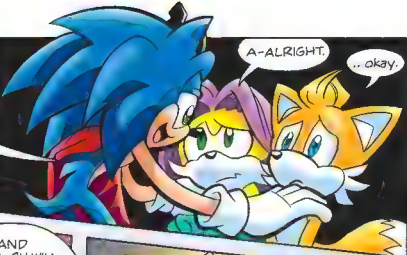
NO, WE
DIDN'T! MOM
DROPPED US OFF
AND WE DIDN'T
GO TO HELP!
WE COULD'VE
SAVED THEM!



KING SHADOW
WAS JUST ONE GUY!
HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED
TO TAKE BACK THE
ENTIRE CASTLE WITH
THE DARK PRESENCE
LOCKED IN? MAYBE
IF WE'D HAD THE
PROWERS WITH US,
BUT NOW...




OKAY--
TIME
OUT!



I KNOW HOW THESE BAD GUYS WORK. YOUR FOLKS ARE ASLEEP AND PROBABLY TIED UP, BUT FINE. UNTIL WE RESCUE THEM, I'LL MAKE SURE NOTHING BAD HAPPENS TO YOU TWO. OKAY?


A-ALRIGHT.

...okay.




AND LARA-SU WILL HELP OUT TOO BECAUSE SHE'S A GUARDIAN AND IS GOING TO PULL HERSELF TOGETHER, RIGHT?

Y-YEAH. SORRY ABOUT THAT, SIR.



DON'T WORRY. HALF OF MOBIUS IS ON THE ISLAND RIGHT NOW FOR THE PARTY. THERE'S BOUND TO BE *SOMEBODY* HERE WE CAN RECRUIT.

RIGHT.



FIRST, THOUGH, WE NEED SOMEPLACE SAFE TO FALL BACK TO.

I'M SURE ARGYLE WILL HELP US HIDE OUT.

WHO?



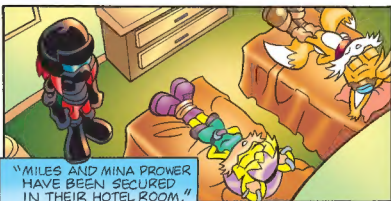
SOUNDS GOOD! LEAD THE WAY!

UNCLE VECTOR'S SON. WE'RE ... HE'S A GOOD FRIEND.

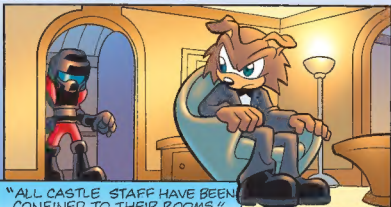


ALL TEAMS HAVE CHECKED IN, MA'AM.

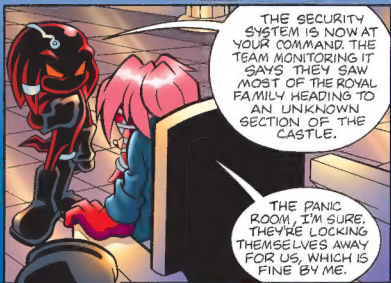
THEN REPORT, MY DARK EYES.



"MILES AND MINA PROWER HAVE BEEN SECURED IN THEIR HOTEL ROOM."



"ALL CASTLE STAFF HAVE BEEN CONFINED TO THEIR ROOMS."




THE SECURITY SYSTEM IS NOW AT YOUR COMMAND. THE TEAM MONITORING IT SAYS THEY SAW MOST OF THE ROYAL FAMILY HEADING TO AN UNKNOWN SECTION OF THE CASTLE.

THE PANIC ROOM, I'M SURE. THEY'RE LOCKING THEMSELVES AWAY FOR US, WHICH IS FINE BY ME.



THE KING AND GUARDIAN ARE STILL AT LARGE, MA'AM.

IT DOESN'T MATTER AT THIS POINT. BRING THE CHAOS SYPHON AND FOLLOW ME.




BY THE TIME THEY STAGE A COUNTER-OFFENSIVE, OUR MISSION WILL BE COMPLETE.


A FITTING END TO THIS PITIFUL REGIME.




I DON'T CARE WHAT "STABILITY" SHE BROUGHT, I NEVER LIKED THE QUEEN. THINGS GOT *DOVE* UNDER KING SHADOW. HE APPRECIATED WHAT WE DID.



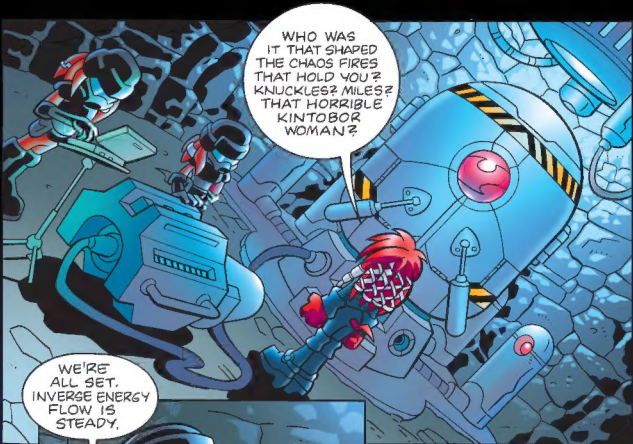
THE REST OF THE WORLD MIGHT THINK THINGS ARE BETTER NOW, BUT THEY DON'T SEE THE CHAOS ON THE HORIZON.



WE NEED STRONG, DECISIVE LEADERSHIP. SPARE THE ROD AND YOU SPOIL THE WORLD. IT'S TAKEN FIVE YEARS OF R&D...



... BUT IT'LL BE WORTH IT. A WORLD SAVED, AND MY FAMILY RETURNED TO ME.



WHO WAS IT THAT SHAPED THE CHAOS FIRES THAT HOLD YOU? KNUCKLES? MILES? THAT HORRIBLE KINTOBOR WOMAN?

WE'RE ALL SET. INVERSE ENERGY FLOW IS STEADY.



VITALS ARE STABLE... SPATIAL MATRIX IS DETERIORATING... HE'S COMING OUT OF IT.



AT LONG LAST!



LIEN-DA...?

MY SINCERE APOLOGIES FOR TAKING SO LONG, YOUR MAJESTY.

A full-page illustration of King Shadow, a dark blue hedgehog with red stripes, wearing a golden crown and a red cape. He is seated in a large, ornate throne with blue and purple mechanical details. He has a determined, slightly menacing expression. The background is a stylized, colorful environment with pink and blue tones.

LET THE
REIGN OF KING
SHADOW BEGIN
ANEW!

King Shadow has returned!
Castle Mobius is under
evil lock and villainous key!
Who can save the day?
Would you believe—
the Freedom Fighters?
Come back for all the surprises
and action next month!